# ABC ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL

## **ABC Update April 2009**

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### Kentucky ABC Spots Fake ID that Leads to Bust of Counterfeit Operation in Nashville

Early January, while on a Targeted Enforcement Detail, Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) Investigator Ian Thurman was working with security and checking identifications at a nightclub in Louisville when he spotted a fake ID.

The fraudulent license, which was made to look like a Missouri ID, actually belonged to an underage student of Belmont University. Further investigation revealed that the license was purchased near the campus of Belmont where two men were producing fake IDs with industrial equipment and selling them to minors. They had obtained the machines by posing as a corporation and leasing them from a company in California.

The investigation was turned over to the U.S. Secret Service and the Nashville police. Through a sting operation, the police bought other false identifications, busted up the operation and seized the equipment. Both men were taken into custody and charged with criminal simulation.

The U.S. Secret Service extended gratitude to Kentucky ABC for the assistance and cooperation in the investigation.

"I am extremely proud of the men and women of the ABC Enforcement Division," stated Enforcement Director Mike Razor. "One of our primary goals at ABC is to keep alcohol out of the hands of those not yet old enough to drink. We work diligently to achieve this objective. The production of fake ID cards makes this extremely difficult. There are also many other ramifications of false IDs. It is my understanding that these ID cards were of extremely high quality, so the removal of these ID cards from the streets was very important. Since they were being produced in another state it was necessary to involve an outside agency. The ability of our investigators to participate in this successful multi-agency case is just another their professional example of law enforcement abilities and their dedicated service."

According to the Kentucky State Police KYOPS records, in 2008, there were 1586 citations issued to minors for possession of alcohol. This is down from 2007 when there were over 2000. Kentucky ABC will continue the many programs to combat youth access through enforcement and education.

#### ABC S.T.A.R. Training Scholarships Available in Morehead

If you are a server or seller of alcohol in Morehead, call the ABC Education Branch for information on scholarships to receive S.T.A.R. certification. These scholarships are available on a first come, first served basis. Call Missy Smith at 502-564-4850.

#### **Recent Changes**

Georgetown and Shelbyville have approved the sale of alcoholic drinks in restaurants on Sundays. Shelbyville now requires sellers and servers to acquire S.T.A.R. certification.

#### **ABC Education Branch's Upcoming Events**

April 16-Kentucky Summit on Collegiate Underage and Problem Drinking Capital Plaza Hotel, Frankfort, Kentucky April 27, 28-Kentucky Lifesavers Conference Marriot Louisville Downtown, Louisville, Kentucky

ABC S.T.A.R. Reminders It may be time to renew your alcohol certification. The areas that have mandated training are listed on our website, www.abc.ky.gov.

#### **Upcoming S.T.A.R. Training Dates**

Below are upcoming dates for the Server Training in Alcohol Regulations. In addition to responsible sales and service training, we cover Kentucky-specific statutes and regulations, individual liabilities and fake IDs. Class time is four and one-half hours. Classes start promptly at noted time.

Class Date	Class Location	City	Class time
4/13/09	ABC Office	Frankfort -	5:00 PM
4/13/09	Cigar Factory Mall Rm 199	Owensboro	5:00 PM
4/18/09	Ramada Inn/Paris Pike	Lexington	9:00 AM
4/25/09	TBA	Louisville	9:00 AM
4/27/09	Kentucky Dam Village	Paducah	9:00 AM
4/28/09	Central Kentuck <mark>y Job Center</mark>	Lexington	5:00 PM
5/04/09	Middletown Gov't Center	Louisville	9:00 AM
5/05/09	Ramada Inn/Paris Pike	Lexington	9:00 AM
5/11/09	Cigar Factory Mall Rm 199	Owensboro	9:00 AM
5/11/09	Kentucky River ADD	Hazard	9:00 AM
5/18/09	ABC Office	Frankfort	9:00 AM
5/18/09	Houchen's Industries	<b>Bowling Green</b>	9:00 AM
5/19/09	Prichard Community Center	Elizabethtown	9:00 AM
5/20/09	Barrett Government Center	Louisville	6:00 PM
5/26/09	Central Kentucky Job Center	Lexington	5:00 PM
5/28/09	Florence Municipal Building	Florence	5:00 PM
5/30/09	Ramada Inn/Paris Pike	Lexington	9:00 AM
6/08/09	Middletown Gov't Center	Louisville	9:00 AM
6/09/09	Ramada Inn/Paris Pike	Lexington	9:00 AM
6/15/09	Cigar Factory Mall Rm 199	Owensboro	5:00 PM
6/15/09	ABC Office	Frankfort	5:00 PM
6/20/09	Ramada Inn/Paris Pike	Lexington	9:00 AM
6/22/09	Public Library Community Rm.		9:00 AM
6/23/09	Civic Center	Mt. Sterling	9:00 AM
6/27/09	TBA	Louisville	9:00 AM
6/28/09	MSU/Curris Center	Murray	12:30 PM
6/29/09	Jenny Wiley State Park	Prestonsburg	9:00 AM
6/30/09	Central Kentucky Job Center	Lexington	5:00 PM